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**AFTER ALMOST 10 YEARS ON THE LAM, FUGITIVE ARRESTED  
IN FLORIDA WILL FACE FEDERAL BANK ROBBERY CHARGES HERE**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, PASQUALE D'AMURO, the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office of the FBI, and RAYMOND W. KELLY, the Commissioner of the New York City Police Department, announced that PHILIP NASALGA was arrested by members of the FBI/NYPD Joint Bank Robbery Task Force in Lake Worth, Florida, where he was found living under an assumed name, on December 16, 2004, after almost 10 years as a fugitive.

In June 1995, NASALGA was indicted on charges of conspiring to commit armed bank robberies in the New York area. NASALGA was never arrested and it was believed that he fled the jurisdiction. NASALGA's apprehension was a result of the

determined investigation of members of the FBI/NYPD Joint Bank Robbery Task Force, who had been tracking NASALGA for almost 10 years.

In addition to NASALGA, JOHN LESTER, GERARD GUADAGNO, a/k/a "Fat Jerry," CARMELO POLITO, a/k/a "Carmine," a/k/a "Carmine Pizza," THOMAS BARRETT, ELIO ALBANESE, a/k/a "Chinatown," CARMINE RUSSO, a/k/a "Baby Carmine," FRANK CARBONARO and KAREN GUADAGNO were also charged with conspiring to commit the armed robberies cited in the Indictment. Other than NASALGA, all have all either pled guilty or were convicted at trial.

According to the Indictment, from about June 1993 through about May 1994, NASALGA and others conspired to and committed armed bank robberies of, among others, a Hamilton Bank branch in Brooklyn, from which the conspirators stole approximately \$90,000, and during which NASALGA allegedly carried and displayed a firearm.

NASALGA, 65, was arrested in Lake Worth, Florida, where he had been living under an assumed name for the past six months. He is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery and one count of federal robbery.

Upon conviction, the conspiracy charge carries a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The robbery charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant United States Attorney LISA P. KOROLOGOS is in

charge of the prosecution of NASALGA.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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